

17 April 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Retirement of General Thomas

1. We have just been informed that General Thomas will be attending the USIB meeting this morning for the last time prior to his retirement from the Air Force.

2. You may wish to express appreciation for his service to the Board and the intelligence community since he attended his first meeting in March 1963, as well as best wishes for the future.



Executive Secretary, USIB

cc: Acting CIA Member USIB

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 17 April

Item 1 Watch Report

Draft by Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval; Sponsor -

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Item 2 SNIE on Prospects for Regional Security Arrangements in East Asia Over the Next Five Years

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives; Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

This special estimate was requested by Under Secretary Katzenbach in late 1968 for use by the new administration. There were no major disagreements at the USIB representatives' level and BNE does not anticipate any dissents at the USIB meeting.

Item 3 NIE on The Center-Left Experiment in Italy: Accomplishments, Shortcomings, and Prospects

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives; Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

This estimate was initiated by the BNE as part of the regular estimates program and the USIB representatives with the exception of State support this draft.

In an electrical message dated 15 April, the Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, takes exception to the treatment of the likelihood, timing, modalities, and implications of Communist entry into a future Italian government as formulated in Conclusions D and E and paras. 29, 32 and 33 of the text. Mr. Hughes proposes a footnote to follow next to the last sentence of Conclusion D.

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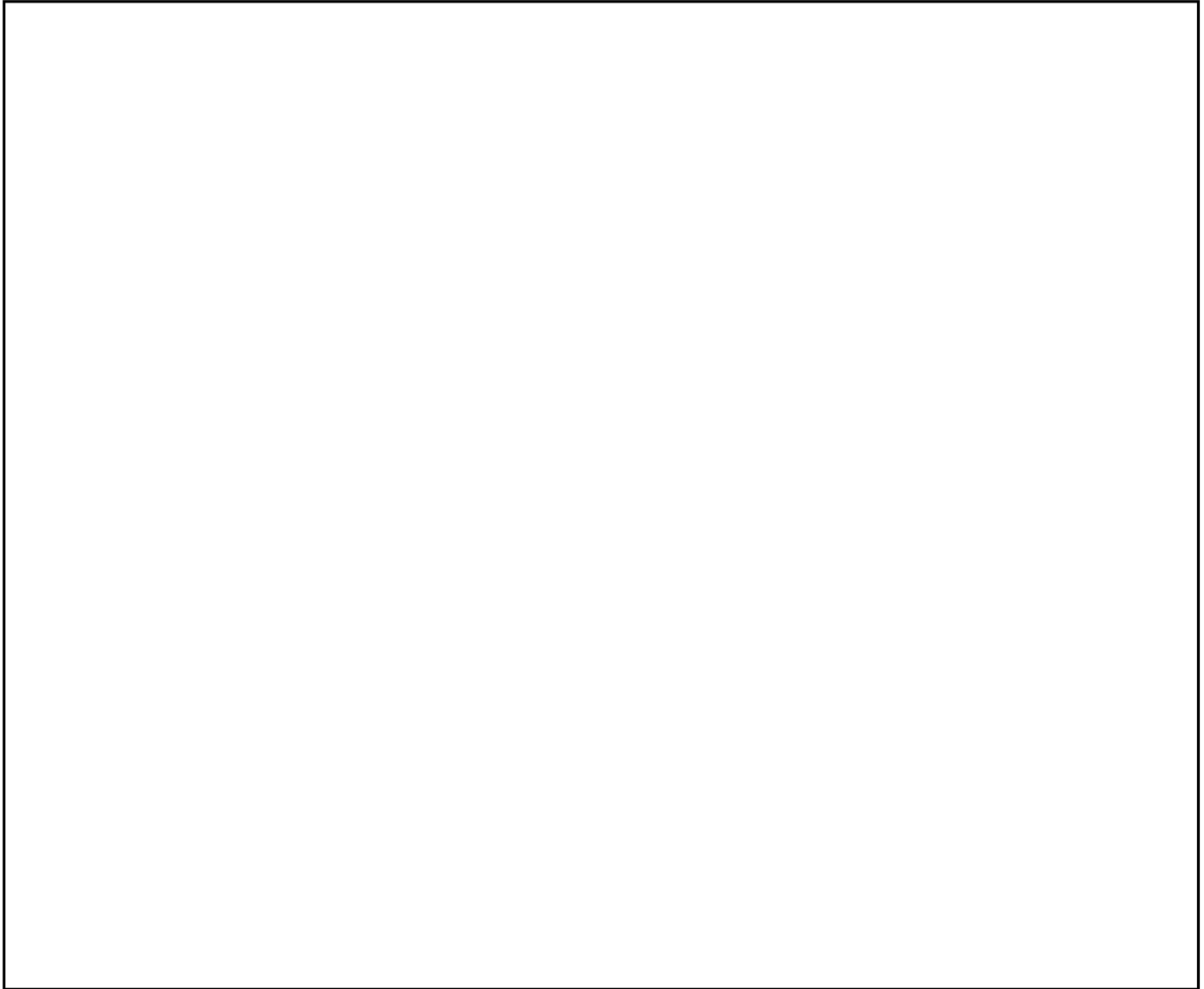
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with your instructions, each USIB Principal has been informed by EYES ONLY memorandum that there will be an executive session to discuss the following two items:

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Executive Secretary, USIB

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